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Sent: 27 Jun 2017 20:48:40 +0000
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Cc: Norton, Jane (OS/IEA);McGowan, Robert (Kyle) (HHS/IEA);Yoest, Charmaine (OS/ASPA);Skrzycki, Kristin (HHS/IOS)
Subject: Ltr from 5 Pro-life Groups RE: Abortion in Better Care Act
Attachments: 2017 06-27 Pro Life Status Letter.pdf

Below is a letter from the pro-life groups. They “do not intend to release this letter to press, but we will share it with Senators interested in knowing our concerns with the current draft.”

The second bullet in their letter on 1332 Waivers is what I emailed about earlier.

Laura

June 27, 2017

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Sincerely,

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From: Autumn Christensen [mailto:(b)(6)]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 4:27 PM
To: Trueman, Laura (HHS/IEA)
Cc: Eric Schmitz
Subject: Letter from 5 Leading Pro-life Groups Regarding Abortion in the Better Care Act

Hi Laura,

As you know, we at the Susan B. Anthony List are eager to see our pro-life concerns with the Better Care Reconciliation Act resolved at which point we will actively support the bill. Please see the attached letter from the Susan B. Anthony List, March for Life, Concerned Women for America, US Conference of Catholic Bishops and Family Research Council outlining current concerns. We are grateful for ongoing discussions to resolve our concerns and trust they will continue. Recognizing this good working relationship, we do not intend to release this letter to press, but we will share it with Senators interested in knowing our concerns with the current draft.

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